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Qualifying Note: Medical Assistance is a separate program administered by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for which case managers determine eligibility. Program information, including basic eligibility requirements, is provided here.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- A. The Medical Assistance (MA) program provides comprehensive medical and other health related care for indigent and medically indigent people
- B. MA provides a wide variety of medically specific programs

MA CATEGORIES

- A. All families receiving federally funded TCA are automatically eligible for MA, however:
 - 1. Qualified immigrants eligible for state-funded TCA are not automatically eligible for MA
 - 2. State-funded MA is available to children of qualified immigrants and pregnant women
- B. All persons eligible for MA must fit into one of the following categories:
 - 1. Family And Children (FAC) is for unmarried children under 21, and their parents, who meet income and asset requirements for their size household, including caretaker relatives other than parents
 - 2. Maryland Children's Health Program is for pregnant women of any age and children up to age 19 who meet income requirements for their size household
 - 3. Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) is for people who are 65 or over, blind, disabled, or fatally ill and meet the same income and asset requirements as for FAC
 - 4. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) pays Part A and Part B Medicare costs for people who receive Medicare and meet a higher income level than ABD above
 - 5. Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), for people with more income than allowed under QMB but with the same asset limits and pays the Medicare Part B monthly premiums

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TRANSITIONAL MA

- A. When a TCA assistance unit becomes ineligible due to earned income and TCA has been received for 3 months out of the last 6 months, the assistance unit is entitled to 12 months of MA
- B. When the TCA case closes because child support increases, the assistance unit is entitled to 4 months of MA

TERMINATION

- A. Termination of MA benefits cannot become effective unless the case manager:
 - 1. Provides the family with notice of the reasons for termination
 - 2. Determines the household is also ineligible for MA under another category
- B. Transitional MA is terminated only when the:
 - 1. Customer moves out of the State of Maryland, or
 - 2. Only TCA eligible child leaves the home

SERVICES OFFERED

- A. The MA manual contains a more complete list but, major services offered include:
 - 1. Ambulatory Surgical Center and Hospital Services including Nursing Car and Physical Therapy
 - 2. Physician an Clinic Services including Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Services and treatment for chronic illness
 - 3. Dental Services for children, including orthodontic care
 - 4. All medical equipment and supplies including Prescriptions
 - 5. All services related to Pregnancy and Family Planning
 - 6. Home and Community Based Services for Children and Developmentally Disabled including Healthy Kids Program Services
 - 7. Home Health, Hospice and Medical Day Care Services
 - 8. Mental Health Services including Residential Treatment Facilities
 - 9. Podiatry Services

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10. Transportation Services

11. Vision Care Services

- B. MA customers, including those in HMO's must join Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) within the State's HealthChoice program, unless they are receiving Medicare or are in nursing homes, in order to receive services

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Medical Assistance Manual
- Other Programs and Services – EPSDT
- Post Eligibility Benefits –Medical Assistance